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**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

The after-final amendment filed 12/28/07 was NOT ENTERED.

See Advisory Action mailed 03/28/08.

Any amendment after final (§1.116), or amendment filed with a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, must include markings showing the changes relative to the last entered amendment.

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Applicant should not assume that an after final amendment is entered because after final amendments are not entered as a matter of right (§1.116).

If applicant has not received an advisory action, applicant should check via PAIR, or call the examiner, to determine whether the after final amendment has been entered before filing another after final amendment or an amendment with an RCE.

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A claim listing which includes any unentered claims presented using the status identifier "not entered" (e.g., claims 20-25 (not entered)).

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Non-compliance will be indicated in an advisory action; and

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See MPEP 714.03 (8th Ed. 1st Rev., Feb. 2003).

The proposed amendment filed 04/08/08 shows changes  
relative to the unentered amendment filed 12/28/07. Applicant

should provide a complete copy of the proposed amendment(s) relative to the last entered amendment (claims filed 08/30/07).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Kopec whose telephone number is (571) 272-1319. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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